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SUBJ: PARAGUAYAN UNION ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF ARRESTED CHRISTIAN
TRADE UNIONISTS

REF: ASUNCION 126; ASUNCION 113

1. ASUNCION PRESS OF JANUARY 12 CARRIED THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE BANK WORKERS FEDERATION ON THE DETAINED WORKERS, AS WELL AS A REPLY FROM THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND LABOR TO THE CPT LETTER PUBLISHED ON JANUARY 10 (ASUNCION 113).

2. THE BANK WORKERS FEDERATION LETTER STRESSED THE SITUATION OF THEIR MEMBER, QUIRINO HERMOSA, POINTING OUT THAT THE HAD BEEN RELEASED AND THEN RE-ARRESTED. IT NOTED THAT THE ACTS HE WAS ACCUSED OF WERE NOT OF SUCH GRAVITY AS TO REQUIRE IMPRISONMENT FOR MORE THAN A MONTH WITHOUT A HEARING. THE LETTER REFERRED TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE NEED FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS TO UPHOLD THE LIBERTIES OF MAN.

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3. THE LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND LABOR, IN RESPONSE TO THE CPT LETTER, STATED THAT THE WORKERS HAD BEEN DETINED ON THE SUPPOSITION THAT THEY HAD VIOLATED LAW 209 (OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER), AND THE CASE HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE COURTS WHICH WOULD FOLLOW THEIR USUAL PROCEDURE. THE MINISTER POINTED OUT THAT

THERE HAD NEVER BEEN ANY GOVERNMENT ACTIONS AGAINST LICIT UNION ACTIVITIES. IN FACT, THE GOVERNMENT HAD STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE NORMAL EVOLUTION OF UNION ACTIVITIES. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT HIS MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED NO PETITIONS FROM ANY LOCAL INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS ON THE SITUATION OF THE PRISONERS.

4. THE GRAPHIC ARTS UNION, WHICH ALSO HAD A MEMBER IN JAIL, DOES NOT PLAN TO SEND A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE ARRESTED UNIONISTS.
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